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Early week prices were higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes with the exception of New York where all prices were unchanged. As the week progressed prices in New York increased on mediums and remained unchanged on heavier weights. Prices in other locations were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on larger sizes and steady

to fully steady for mediums. Demand was light to at times fairly good. Supplies were fully adequate to available on larger sizes and balanced to instances tight for lighter weighted eggs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher while checks and undergrade prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fairly good with tight to inadequate offerings. Current inventories were balanced to tight. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances fully steady. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was mostly light to instances fairly good with offerings fully adequate. Processing schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs were 5.5 to 11 cents, mostly 6 to 8 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent higher for medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for mediums and steady to barely steady for the larger sizes. Cartoned egg sales were mostly moderate. Loose egg demand was usually light. Supplies were fully adequate to available for the larger sizes and balanced to at times tight for medium and small. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight to inadequate for the light to fairly good demand. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment mostly steady to instances fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50-59	53-56
LARGE	49-58	51-54
MEDIUM	42-51	44-47

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV,

Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however mediums were trending higher. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on mediums, but the larger sizes were cautiously steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were generally sufficient for the about moderate demand. Spent hen supplies were at least adequate to fully adequate for slaughter needs.

RANGE	MOSILY
59-74	60-63
53-67	58-62
44-57	49-51
	59-74 53-67

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ,

Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

populations.

Sep 22, 2006

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	
NORTHEAST	61.50	60.00	45.00	
SOUTHEAST	62.50	60.50	43.00	
MIDWEST	54.50	52.50	40.50	
SOUTH CENTRAL	62.50	58.50	46.50	
COMBINED REGIONAL	60.32	57.83	43.87	
Computed from simple we	eekly average	s weighted	by regional a	rea

<u>IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN</u> PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	09-26-06	09-19-06	09-27-05
Large	31-40	31-40	37-46
Medium	24-30	19-25	17-21

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- SEPTEMBER 25, 2006 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
	Nor	theast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.8	16.4	9.0	12.9	11.2	58.3
	Change	1.0	-3.9	-1.7	0.1	-0.5	-8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.2	65.2	13.9	28.0	41.2	172.5
	Change	1.7	4.9	-2.5	2.5	3.6	6%
Large	Curr Wk	31.5	192.7	96.6	109.1	132.1	562.0
	Change	2.6	24.1	12.5	1.7	24.1	13%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.1	41.5	16.1	18.4	36.7	124.8
	Change	5.1	3.8	-6.9	-3.7	0.1	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	6.2	8.7	2.0	2.9	4.3	24.1
	Change	1.0	3.2	0.9	-4.6	-1.2	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.3	47.4	10.3	13.0	6.6	79.6
	Change	-0.5	1.1	-0.5	2.6	0.2	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	10.4	65.1	19.7	38.3	27.0	160.5
-	Change	0.8	4.3	-0.1	7.6	4.0	12%
Total	Curr Wk	95.5	437.0	167.6	222.6	259.1	181.8
Percent	Change	14%	9%	1%	3%	13%	8%

TOTAL N	umber of Percen Cases Chang		Number of Cooperators	
Shell Egg	1181.8	8%	166	
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	224.2	-5%	35	
Total Shell Egg	1406.0	6%	201	

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 23-SEP-06
(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EYCLLIDES INCREDIENTS)

	(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)						
	C	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BR	OKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,29	99,085	33,054	11,861	6,170	2,516	4,402
PW	1,33	39,966	32,086	13,113	6,562	2,621	4,415
LY	1,37	71,155	32,291	12,895	6,900	3,025	4,363
% Chg	PWK	-3%	3%	-10%	-6%	-4%	0%
% Chg	LY	-5%	2%	-8%	-11%	-17%	1%
2006	49,24	18,554	1,208,202	461,613	244,333	110,138	165,968
2005	49,69	32,365	1,170,775	487,437	261,046	111,259	167,833
% Chg	YTD	-1%	3%	-5%	-6%	-1%	-1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.71	41.92	41.17
(Inedible Excluded)	39.32	38.63	37.99

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES	BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE		
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total	
CURRENT WEEK	580,781	44.7%	16,606	50.2%	
PREVIOUS WEEK	579,714	43.3%	15,877	49.5%	
LAST YEAR	566,125	41.3%	14,804	45.8%	

BROILER HATCHERY

	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Place in 19 Selected State		
STATE	SEP 16	SEP 23	SEP 16	SEP 23	
		Thousa	and		
AL	31,245	31,499	*20,865	21,319	
AR	28,333	29,266	22,920	24,019	
DE	3,862	3,863	5,007	4,517	
FL	1,367	1,367	1,429	1,454	
GA	*33,379	33,756	*28,562	29,912	
KY	6,686	7,418	6,402	6,189	
LA	3,802	3,728	3,527	3,870	
MD	8,126	8,391	6,018	6,009	
MS	17,065	16,491	15,621	15,203	
NC	17,788	18,451	15,245	14,071	
OK	6,234	6,454	5,623	4,543	
PA	3,681	3,990	2,852	2,943	
SC	*5,317	5,281	*5,242	4,580	
TX	14,084	14,006	12,714	12,585	
VA	6,194	6,155	4,784	5,162	
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,954	16,043	*17,153	16,161	
19 State Total	*203,117	206,159	*173,964	172,537	
Previous Year Total	202,351	207,247	174,088	171,921	
Pct. of Prev. Year * Revised	100	99	100	100	

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 04-Nov-06 is estimated at 159.5 million head. This compares to 159.8 million head the previous week and to 161.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 66.53 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/21/06-09/27/06 CURRENT LDS 93.00 FUTURE LDS 29.50 TOTAL LDS 122.50

	S	SE NE MW		IW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	32.00	_	37.75	37.43	_	_	7.00
GNR BR 1	_	67.00	_	_	_	_	2.00
GL W J	_	_	52.00	54.00	41.33	_	4.00
GL W XL	_	48.75	48.13	47.84	37.85	38.50	54.50
GL W LG	_	53.00	42.67	45.85	33.47	_	34.75
GL W MD	43.00	_	39.13	41.40	32.44	_	14.00
GL W SM	_	_	22.00	24.50	_	_	2.00
GL BR XL	71.00	_	_	_	68.00	_	1.75
GL BR LG	71.00	_	_	_	68.00	_	2.25
NRBS - 50	_	_	_	_	29.00	_	3.00
NRBS - 48	_	25.00	_	_	28.00	28.00	21.00
NRBS - 45	20.00	21.00	_	_	_	27.50	7.00
NRBS - 39	_	_	23.00	25.00	_	_	1.00
NRBS - 36	_	_	17.00	19.00	_	_	1.00

<u>ETAIL CHANI</u>	<u>NELS</u> \	<i>N/</i> E 23-SEF	P-2006
CW	PW	PC1	Γ CHG
THOUSAND	S	PW	LY
25.9	27.2	-5	13
3.1	3.3	-6	-11
78.5	83.8	-6	-7
15.4	14.9	3	-13
3.4	4.2	-19	36
107.4	109.4	-2	-3
5.8	5.1	14	12
27.1	27.1	0	-8
15.0	13.9	8	-9
16.9	17.6	-4	-12
298.5	306.5	-3	-4
302.6			
	CW THOUSAND 25.9 3.1 78.5 15.4 3.4 107.4 5.8 27.1 15.0 16.9 298.5	CW PW THOUSANDS 27.2 3.1 3.3 78.5 83.8 15.4 14.9 3.4 4.2 107.4 109.4 5.8 5.1 27.1 27.1 15.0 13.9 16.9 17.6 298.5 306.5	CW PW PCT THOUSANDS PW 25.9 27.2 -5 3.1 3.3 -6 78.5 83.8 -6 15.4 14.9 3 3.4 4.2 -19 107.4 109.4 -2 5.8 5.1 14 27.1 27.1 0 15.0 13.9 8 16.9 17.6 -4 298.5 306.5 -3

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 23-SEP-06

YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
HENS	TOMS	BREEI	DERS	TURKEYS
	THOU	SANDS		
1,981	2,585	17	1	4,584
18.02	36.73	25.99	61.42	28.61
2,026	2,644	35	0	4,705
2,063	2,728	49	7	4,847
16.25	35.46	25.80	27.50	27.17
72,927	96,628	908	178	170,641
66,771	97,793	915	160	165,639
	1,981 18.02 2,026 2,063 16.25 72,927	HENS TOMSTHOU 1,981 2,585 18.02 36.73 2,026 2,644 2,063 2,728 16.25 35.46 72,927 96,628	HENS TOMS BREEI THOUSANDS 1,981 2,585 17 18.02 36.73 25.99 2,026 2,644 35 2,063 2,728 49 16.25 35.46 25.80 72,927 96,628 908	HENS TOMS BREEDERS THOUSANDS

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS Week ending 23-SEP-06

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

Y0	DUNG TU	RKEY	S	OLD	TOTAL 1	URKEYS
THOU	ISAND P	CT CH	G AVG	BANDED		AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAN	ID HEAD-	LIVE WT
North East	769	-1	24.18	(A)	770	24.18
South Atlantic	788	-3	31.24	(A)	788	31.24
North Central	2,270	0	31.66	(A)	2,270	31.66
South Central	467	-17	17.91	(A)	467	17.91
West	289	1	26.48	(A)	289	26.48
U.S. total	4,583(B)) -3	28.61	1	4,584	28.61
To-date						
2006 1	70,463(B))		178 <i>°</i>	170,641	
To-date						
2005 10	65,479(B))		160	165,639	
2006 17 To-date	, ()				•	

- (A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 17,000; for the current year to date 908,000; for last year to date 915,000.

<u>LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION</u> (Preliminary)						
W/E 23-SEP-200	06 YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL		
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS	
		Th	HOUSAN	DS		
Head	165,750	1,054	1,384	2,438	489	
Avg Wt	5.49	3.36	8.11	6.06	6.45	
Last week	166,512	970	1,542	2,512	546	
Same wk yr ago	165,401	1,229	1,529	2,758	475	
Avg Wt	5.30	3.37	7.84	5.85	6.73	
To-date/2006	6,132,473	41,618	56,173	97,791	19,114	
To-date/2005	6,120,385	56,022	54,017	110,039	18,798	
(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on						
the 2-week revis	sed average	chick pla	cements	6 to 7 we	eks earlier	
was 164.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period						
was 167.8 million head, or 3.1 million more than estimated available.						

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Sep-06

	CW - 09/30/06(1)	PW - 09/23/06
CLASS	THOUSAND I	HEAD
Broiler/fryer	169,944(2)	166,895
Light hens	1,188	1,141
Heavy hens	1,512	1,397
Total	172,644	169,433
(1)ESTIMATED)	

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Sep-06 is 164.5 million head compared to 164.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.3 million head or 5.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 07-Oct-06 the estimated available is 164.2 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD		AVG
WEEK ENDI	NG	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	WT
August	19	162.6	164.3	99%	5.27
	26	168.5	163.6	103%	5.30
September	2	170.3	162.6	105%	5.18
	9	156.5	162.0	97%	5.39
	16	168.5	163.7	103%	5.45
	23	167.8	164.6	102%	5.49
Year to date		6206.9	6225.6	100%	
September	30		164.5		
October	7		164.2		

<u>FINAL BROILER/FRYER</u> Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 25-SEP-2006 (cents per lb)

U	COMPOSITE					
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS		WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	57.00-60.00	59.41	38	:	58.13	73
Los Angeles	78.00	76.61	67	:	70.57	161
New York	63.00-66.00	64.48	23	:	65.41	54

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change ironi		
25-SEP-2006	18-SEP-2006	18-SEP-2006	26-SEP-2005
65.62	-2.18	67.80	70.21
NUMBER OF LO	OADS 578		

MONTHLY COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICE FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

MONTH WEIGHTED AVERAGE LOADS

September 68.18 2364.60 QUARTERLY WTD AVG PRICE FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

July - September 67.86 7228.00

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS	2/		WTD	LBS
8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	86-87	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	86-87	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5	86-87	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	86-87	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	86	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	86	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

<u>COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -</u> Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks)

(IN T	HOUSAN	IDS)			Processed other	•
	F	Frozen Eg	gs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS	
AM	09/25/0	6 3,6	18	105,541	67,957	
AM	09/01/0	6 3,2	41	106,259	71,254	
CHG		3	77	-718	-3,297	
PCT	CHG	12	2%	-1%	-5%	

<u>HEN MARKETS</u> <u>HEAVY TYPE</u>

(7 pounds and up)* Final price, cents per lb., Generally for						
slaughter the week of 25-SEP-06						
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG			
Southeast (1)	2-7 CENTS/LB.	-	4.68			
Southeast (2)	TFEWR					
South Central(1) 2	-7.5 CENTS/LB.	-	4.60			
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading						
*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.						

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 22-SEP-06

LIGHT TYPE

 REMOVAL COST

 REGIONS
 RANGE
 MAJORITY

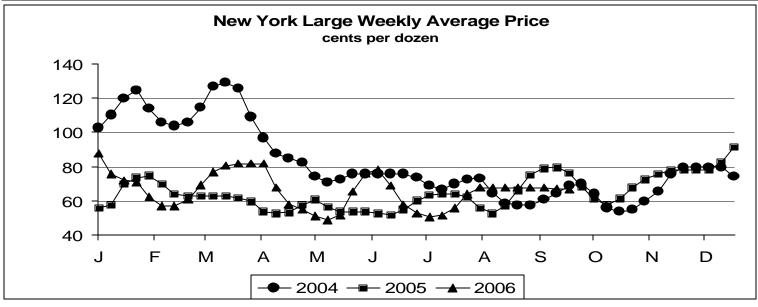
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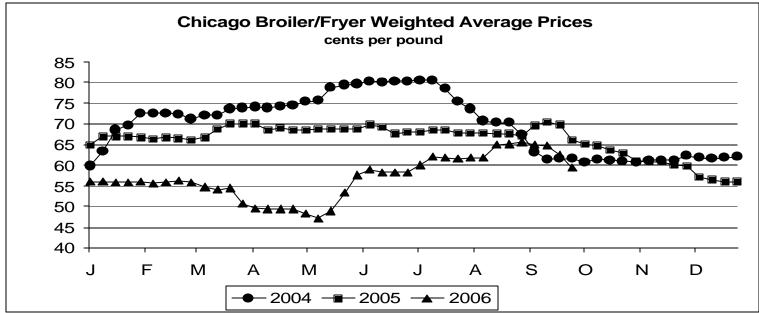
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 Too Few To Report

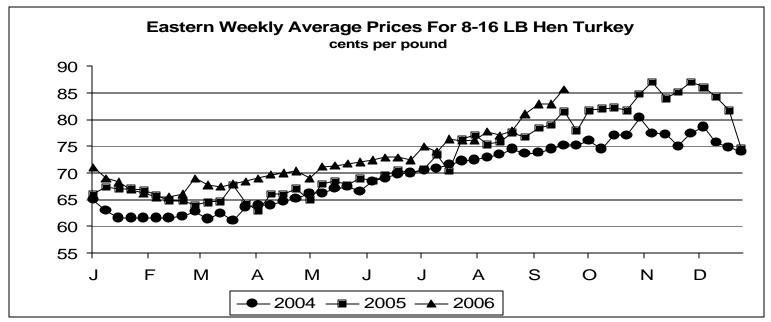
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COMMERCIAL EGG W/E 23-SEP-2006	MOVEMENT CASES	(Receipts From PERCENT	Producers) CHANGE FROM			
REGIONS (I	N THOUS)	PW	LY			
North Atlantic	201.6	-1	-5			
East North Central	607.9	-5	3			
West North Central	276.0	-7	6			
South Atlantic	191.9	0	-1			
South Central	57.5	0	-7			
West	179.5	-8	-9			
Total	1514.4	-5	0			
Matched Plants repo	orting	83	83			
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)						
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)						

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD) South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK) West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)







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